

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2000, Maine EMS Office, Augusta, Maine
Members Present: J. Caron, D. Palladino, L. Worden, P. Marcolini, B. Davis, S. Shapleigh, G. Miller, K. Pomelow, J. Partridge, P. Plumer
Maine EMS Staff: D. Corning
Guests:
Absent: J. Brinkman, Dr. Chagrasulis, C. Boehm, P. Conley, D. Robishaw, B. Zito, L. Delano, B. Demchak
Timekeeper: L. Worden
Meeting opened at: 9:10 AM

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
Additions to Agenda	There were no additions to the agenda	
Ratification of Minutes, January 12, 2000	Motion: Accept minutes of January 12, 2000 as presented. Palladino/Worden Passed	✓ Distribute and file.
Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The TAC reconfirmed their support of the terminology "Code 11" for use by prehospital providers when notifying emergency departments of serious trauma patients. The Operations Team today began the discussion on developing an implementation plan for Code 11.✓ The Exam Committee will be discussing examiner training at their next meeting, in reference to how examiner training should take place.✓ Dr. Chagrasulis has tendered her resignation as the State EMS Medical Director, effective April 1, 2000. The subcommittee assigned to review applications and make a recommendation has approved Dr. John Burton, and it will go to the Board at their March meeting. If approved, Dr. Burton will become the State EMS Medical Director on April 1, 2000. Assuming that he is appointed to this position, there will be an opening on the MDPB for an ACEP representative.✓ The MDPB approved adding training on Ativan (bolus only) and Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Platelet Antagonists (Aggrastat) to the PIT program. Rick Petrie will be updating the entire program and sending it to MEMS. The MDPB is continuing discussion on adding antibiotics to this program. Those previously trained in the PIT program will need additional training on these new medications before they can transport a patient with these medications.	✓ No action items necessary

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- ✓ The Education Committee relayed several questions to the Operations Team from the last meeting. Those questions and the Operations Team responses are listed here.
 - Q. Should a tool be developed to be able to evaluate a pilot program, so we will have an objective way to determine what needs to be added, removed, or changed in the program.
 - A. The Operations Team agreed that it would be appropriate and beneficial to have a tool to evaluate pilot programs with. This will be added to the “Review & Update” form, and the task will be assigned to the Education Committee.
 - Q. Should common Q.I. standards be developed so that all regions Q.I. systems would be reviewing runs looking for the same data, following the implementation of new programs.
 - A. The Operations Team agreed that it would be appropriate and beneficial to have common Q.I. standards when a new or modified program is introduced, and the development of these standards will be the responsibility of the MDPB.
 - Q. Due to a question of liability to the regions, do the regions wish to continue with regionally sponsored I/C’s, or do they wish to eliminate regional sponsorship and have statewide certified I/C’s?
 - A. Part of today’s discussion included the possibility of I/C’s being state certified without regional sponsorship, then after becoming certified they would select a “home region” to affiliate with. The home region would be responsible for maintaining records on the I/C, and notifying the state of any problems. Discussion on the question of liability will continue at our next meeting, and ultimately with our A.A.G.
- ✓ Dwight distributed the policy on *Maine EMS requirements beyond DOT requirements at the EMT-B Level*.

EMT-Intermediate Update	The “test program” conducted in Southern Maine has reportedly ended, but the results of that program have not been reported out. Southern Maine EMS has also reported that they will be approaching the MDPB for permission to conduct a “Pilot Program”. Draft of the new curriculum is continuing, it is not yet completed due to the tremendous amount of work involved.	✓ Dwight to complete Draft #3 and forward to Sandy for review.
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of time that has been necessary for reformatting, but it should be done in the very near future.

I/C Program

The Operations Team requested the Education Committee be polled to see if they would be supportive of a change in the I/C process to allow people to become I/C's without regional sponsorship, and then seek a "home region" after I/C certification. Although in August 1999 this committee was opposed to eliminating regional sponsorship, today the committee stated their support of this change that the Operations Team is considering. The committee went on to review the "Proposed Statewide I/C Guidelines" draft document, make some final changes, and request that the Operations Team review and comment on this draft. Changes in this draft included the following:

- ✎ Elimination of a specified number of hours of education that must be provided during each certification period (last draft had 100 hours) in favor of "provide a maintain records of all educational programs provided in the certification period"
- ✎ Maintain "a minimum of at least 45 classroom contact hours..." as a student teaching requirement. The 45 hours was chosen based on the shortest course leading to licensure.
- ✎ Begin to recognize the possible change from regional sponsorship to a "home region" concept.

✓ **Dwight** to update the draft "Proposed Statewide I/C Guidelines" and take to Operations Team for review and comment.

Denver Meeting Report

Dwight reported on his work meeting in Denver to compare the old to the new National Standard Curricula at both the EMT-I and EMT-P levels. The task was completed (Dwight has a draft copy available), and will now go to representatives from the National Association of State EMS Directors, National Association of EMS Educators, and National Registry of EMT's for review and comment. The work group will then teleconference to discuss any recommended changes, then forward the completed document to NHTSA.

✓ No action items necessary

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Next Education Committee Meeting: March 8, 2000 9:00 am - noon